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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Mamoru ASAKAWA et al. :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1-14 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include two (2) attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.